

## Executive Summary

4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?
5. Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?

The council staff presented a status report on the incentive trust funds at the February 3, 2003 meeting. The council members asked for more information regarding audit compliance, diversity, and pledge collection. This information begins on page 65.

Updated information is now available for two research and development indicators under Question 5. Results for Indicator 5.8, endowments in the research priority areas of the knowledge-based economy, are mixed. Results for Indicator 5.9, expenditures from endowments and gifts in the research priority areas, show significant progress. More information begins on page 73.

The staff recommends that the council award federal *No Child Left Behind*, Title II, Part A funds in the amount of \$1,082,500 for April 1, 2003 – July 31, 2004, to support four projects. (For details and a list of the projects, see page 77).

Projects funded under the Improving Educator Quality State Grant Program engage postsecondary faculty in delivering professional development to

teachers working in high-need school districts in the areas of mathematics, science, reading, and school leadership. The program replaces the Dwight D. Eisenhower Higher Education Grant Program, which funded professional development workshops for K-12 mathematics and science teachers.

Last summer the council staff visited each university and the KCTCS to review campus policies and procedures for approving new academic programs. At that time, the council staff made several recommendations for improvement to the institutions. A report summarizing the their responses begins on page 79.

The staff recommends that the council approve the University of Kentucky request to renovate the Urology Clinic of the Wright Medical Plaza facility on the main campus with \$550,000 of private funds. (For details, see page 83).

The staff recommends that the council approve the University of Kentucky request to renovate the Pediatrics Hematology and Oncology Clinic of the Kentucky Clinic Building, with \$850,000 of private funds. (For details, see page 85).

The University of Kentucky has requested that the council approve the renovation of the Urology Clinic and the renovation of the Pediatrics Hematology and Oncology Clinic to support patient diagnosis and treatment, as well as research. Both projects are public/private collaborative efforts between UK, private business, and citizens to provide adequate facilities to serve the needs of patients.